All thanks and praise, glory and honour, be yours at all times, in every place, holy and loving Father, true and living God. We praise you that through your eternal Word you brought the universe into being and made us in your own image. You have given us this earth to care for and delight in, and with its bounty you preserve our life. We thank you that you bound yourself to the human race with the promises of a gracious covenant and called us to serve you in love and peace. Above all, we give you
thanks for your Son, our Sav-iour Je-sus Christ: born as one of us,
he lived our common life and offered his life to you in per-fect o-
be-dience and trust. By his death he delivered us from sin, brought
us new life, and reconciled us to you and to one an-oth-er. There-
fore with angels and arch-an-gels, with a-pos-tles, and proph-ets,
with holy men and wom-en of ev’ry age, we pro-claim your great
and glo-ri-ous name: